

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Wyoming Board of Agriculture to meet in Torrington

The Wyoming Board of Agriculture will meet July 9 and 10 in Torrington.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. both days. On Monday, July 9, the board will meet in the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) meeting room, 4516 US Highway 26-85. They will review Board responsibilities and the strategic plan, and receive updates on board replacements and the Living Legacy Program at State Fair Park. The meeting will adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

On Tuesday, July 10, the Board will meet at the King's Inn. They will hear updates on carbon sequestration and the Governor's Sage Grouse Summit. They will also review the 2002-2007 Wyoming Strategic Plan for Agriculture and the emergency rules for the Seed Law. The meeting will adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting. For more information, please contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-6569.

This will be the first meeting attended by new board member Jim Bennage.

Jim Bennage represents District 4, which covers Sheridan, Johnson and Campbell counties. Bennage was raised on a cow/calf operation near Lander. Currently, he is the Dean of Agriculture and Technical Programs for Northern Wyoming Community College District, Sheridan College and Gillette College. Jim has served on the Board of Directors for a local credit union and was the Wyoming representative on the USDA's Western Region Aquaculture Center for eight years. Jim and his wife, Jerrie Ann, live in Sheridan as do their two sons, Gary and Kevin, along with five grandchildren.

Board of Agriculture members are appointed by the Governor and serve four-year terms. The Board members include: Jack Corson, Garrett; Gene Hardy, Douglas; Jim Mickelson, Big Piney; Dave Graham, Moorcroft; Juan Reyes, Wheatland; Joe Thomas, Meeteetse; Jim Bennage, Sheridan; Patrick Zimmerer, Huntley; David Largent, Kaycee; and Dalin Winters, Otto. Spencer Ellis, Lovell; Helen Jones, Buffalo; Lee Otto, Yoder; David Graham, Moorcroft; Gene Hardy, Douglas; Jim Mickelson, Big Piney; and Jack Corson, Garrett.

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